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SUBJECT: WILLIAM DEMAS -- CHAIRMAN OF EAST AFRICAN
COMMUNITY REVIEW COMMISSION

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1. TRINIDADIAN WILLIAM DEMAS HAS IN RECENT YEARS SYMBOLIZED
CONCEPT OF REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION WITHIN
ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN, AND WELL-KNOWN TO AMB MARSHALL
IN NAIROBI. ONCE PERMANENT SECRETARY AND ECONOMIC ADVISOR
TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PRIME MINISTER ERIC WILLIAMS, DEMAS
FROM 1970-74 WAS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMON
MARKET (CARICOM -- HEADQUARTERED IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA),
AND SINCE 1974 HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE CARIBBEAN
DEVELOPMENT BANK (CDB -- HEADQUARTERED IN BRIDGETOWN,
BARBADOS). DEMAS WAS TRAINED IN ECONOMICS BOTH IN
TRINIDAD AND AT CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND.

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2. AS OUTSTANDING EXPONENT OF CARIBBEAN REGIONAL
INTEGRATION AND COOPERATION, DEMAS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY
BRING THESE VIEWS TO HIS CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE OF
EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY. HIS EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH
THE OFTEN-CONFLICTING INTERESTS OF VARIOUS REGIONAL
GOVERNMENTS AND HIS HIGH PERSONAL STATURE SHOULD MAKE
HIM EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT. WE LOOK WITH
SOME TREPIDATION, HOWEVER, TO ANY EXTENDED ABSENCE FROM
HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE CDB, WHERE HIS PERSONAL
IMPETUS HAS BEGUN TO ENERGIZE THE BANK'S CREAKY
MACHINERY.

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